## BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of:

DENIS LEE JOHANNES

Holder of License No. 7951
for the Practice of Pharmacy
in the State of Arizona

No. 90-02-H

BOARD ORDER

HOARD ORDER

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Denis Lee Johannes worked as a pharmacist for Walgreens at 3402 West Camelback, Phoenix, Arizona.
- 2. Walgreens conducted a formal audit of the pharmacy records at the pharmacy at 3402 West Camelback when it discovered a large amount of generic equivalent Fiorinal #3 had been ordered.
- 3. The Walgreens audit discovered that Mr. Johannes had created fraudulent prescription records and diverted the controlled substances from these fraudulent orders for his own personal use during the period from January 3, 1987 to July 10, 1989. Pursuant to this finding, Mr. Johannes was terminated from the Walgreens Company on July 14, 1989.

4. This matter was reported to the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy. The prescription records indicated that Dr. Douglas Traub of Rapid City, South Dakota had prescribed the controlled substance analgesics for use by Mr. Johannes. The Pharmacy Board contacted Dr. Douglas Traub of Rapid City, South Dakota.

- 5. Dr. Traub indicated that he had not seen Mr. Johannes as a patient since 1985. Dr. Traub reviewed nine prescriptions which were filled at Walgreens Store No. 802 and dispensed to Mr. Johannes. Dr. Traub did not authorize these prescriptions. Dr. Traub also reviewed the refills of these prescriptions and indicated that he did not authorize these refills. The correspondence by Dr. Traub is attached and incorporated herein by reference.
- 7. The Board finds that Mr. Johannes dispensed prescription-only medication to himself without the authorization of a medical practitioner as set forth in the attached records.
- 8. The Board further finds that Mr. Johannes dispensed controlled substance medication to himself without a valid prescription order.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board concludes that it has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1927.

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2. The Board concludes that Mr. Johannes dispensed controlled substances as defined in A.R.S. § 36-2515 and C.F.R. § 1308 without a prescription order as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1901(52), in violation of A.R.S. § 36-2525(D) and C.F.R. § 1306(21).

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- 3. The Board also concludes that Mr. Johannes prescription-only dispensed drugs defined as in A.R.S. § 32-1901(51)(D) without a prescription order as defined A.R.S. § 32-1901(52) in violation of A.R.S. § 32-1960(A)U.S.C. 503[3]53(B)(C).
- 4. The Board further concludes that Mr. Johannes violated A.R.S. § 32-1927(B)(2).

## ORDER

Certificate No. 7951 issued to Denis Lee Johannes is suspended for a three-year period effective January 17, 1990 and ending January 17, 1993. The Suspension is stayed as of January 17, 1990 and Mr. Johannas is placed on probation effective January 17, 1990 through January 16, 1998, with the following terms:

- 1. Respondent must continue in the Pharmacists Assisting Pharmacists of Arizona Program until January 17, 1993.
- 2. All license renewal fees and C.E. requirements are due during the term of suspension and probation.
- 3. Respondent shall obey all federal and state laws and rules governing the practice of pharmacy.

4. Respondent shall bear responsibility for the release of information forms and reports as directed by this Order.

- 5. Respondent shall bear all costs for testing, rehabilitation, aftercare programs and reports to be filed as a condition of this order or as part of his participation in the Pharmacist assisting Pharmacist Program.
- 6. If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary action against the Respondent.
- 7. Respondent shall "hold harmless" the Provider of any required reports to the Board of Pharmacy.

Mr. Johannes is hereby notified that he has the right to petition this Board for rehearing within ten (10) days of receipt of this letter pursuant to the providers of A.A.C. R4-23-109.

DATED this 19th day of January, 1990.

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Llyn A. Lloyd

Executive Director

COPY of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Board Order mailed by Certified Mail this 

And day of January, 1990, to: Denis Lee Johannes 2721 East Elm Phoenix, AZ 85016 and by Courier Mail to: Timothy Agan Assistant Attorney General 1275 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007 Attorney for the State 2665a(40) CIV89-2135